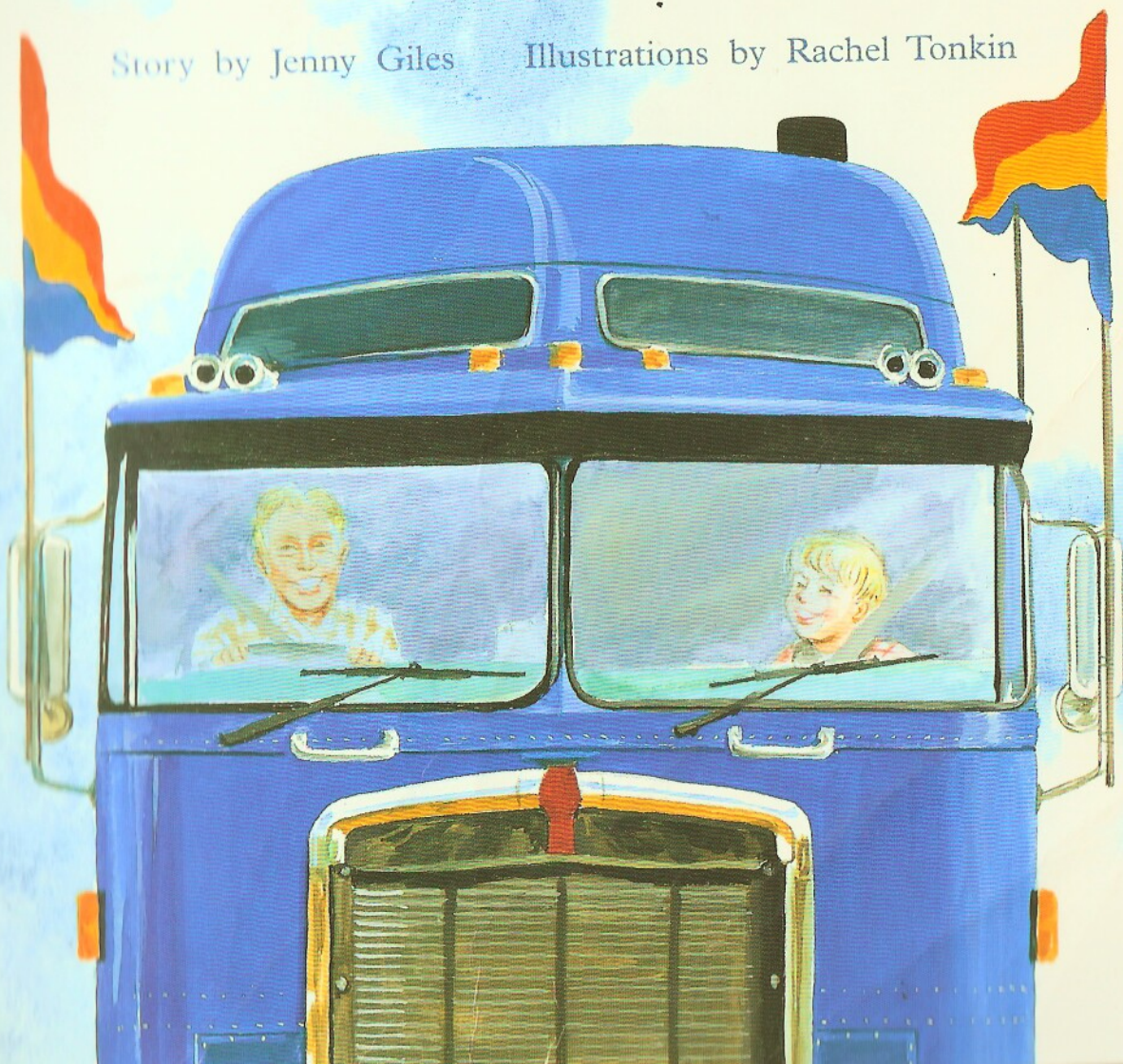


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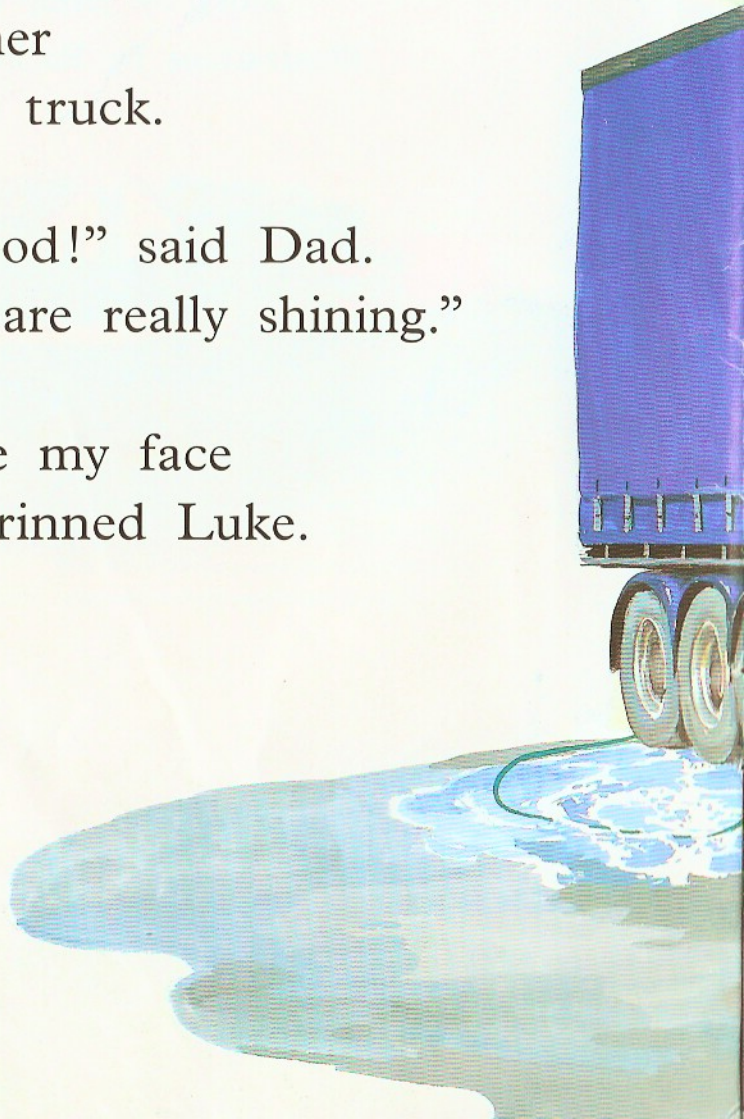


“Our truck will be the best one in the parade,” said Luke to his dad, as he cleaned one of the huge wheels.

Luke was at the depot, helping his father wash their new truck.

“It’s looking good!” said Dad.
“Those wheels are really shining.”

“I can even see my face in this one!” grinned Luke.





The truck parade was going to start
from the showgrounds,
and Luke wanted his dad's truck
to be the brightest
and shiniest of all.

As Luke finished cleaning
the last wheel,
Bill came out of the office.
He called to Luke's dad,
"Can you take a load
to the new supermarket?
Your truck is the only one here
at the moment."





Luke's dad looked at his watch.

"Yes," he said.

"That won't take too long.

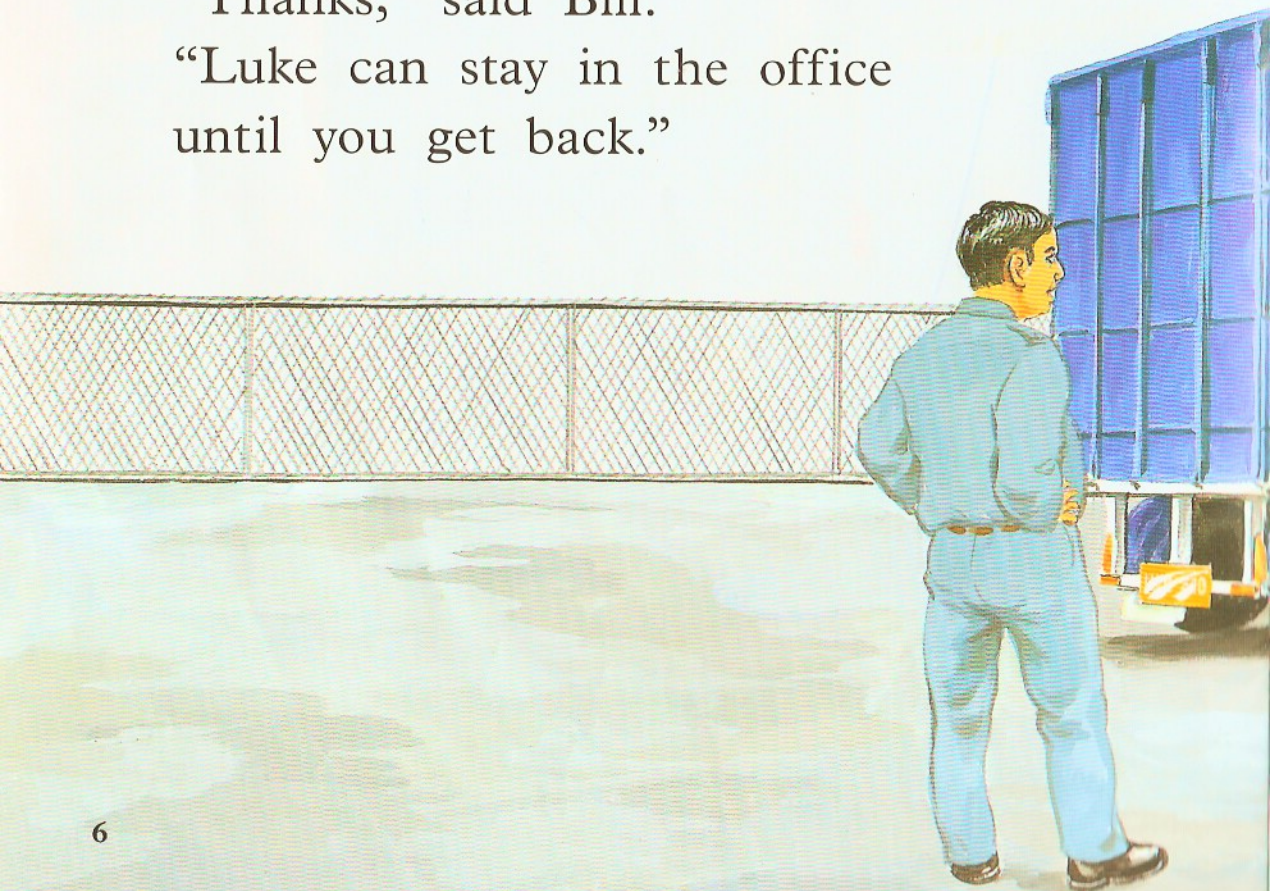
If I leave now,

I can get back

before the parade starts."

"Thanks," said Bill.

"Luke can stay in the office
until you get back."



Luke watched his dad
climb into the cab.
“Don’t get our truck dirty!”
he shouted.

“I won’t,” Dad called back.
“It’s a nice fine day.”



But when Dad arrived back
at the depot,
the wheels were all wet and muddy.
Luke stared at them in surprise.
“What happened?” he cried.

“I had to go through some roadworks,”
said Dad.

“The wheels got covered in mud,
and the truck got splashed.
We’ll have to wash it again.”

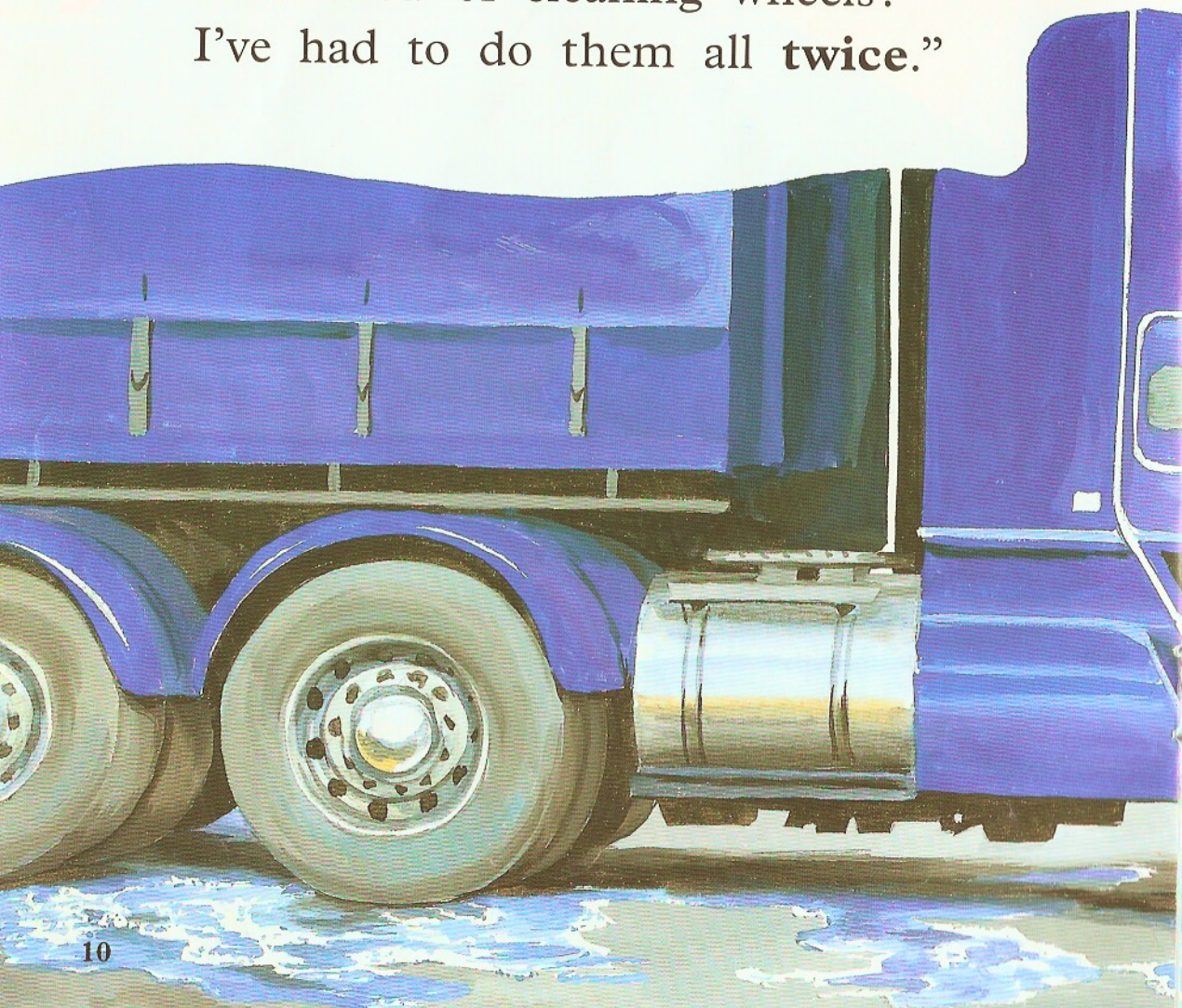
“But we’ll be too late for the parade!”
cried Luke.

“There will be just enough time
to clean it if we start now,”
said Dad. “Come on!”



Bill got the hose out,
and helped them wash the truck.

As they finished, Luke groaned,
“I’m tired of cleaning wheels!
I’ve had to do them all **twice.**”



“You’ve done a great job!” said Dad.
“The truck is all bright
and shiny again. Now, let’s go!”



Luke climbed up into the cab
and looked out the window.
He could see a long line of trucks
coming out of the showgrounds.

“Oh no!” cried Luke.

“We are too late.

The parade has started already.”

He felt very disappointed.

Dad and Bill ran to the fence.

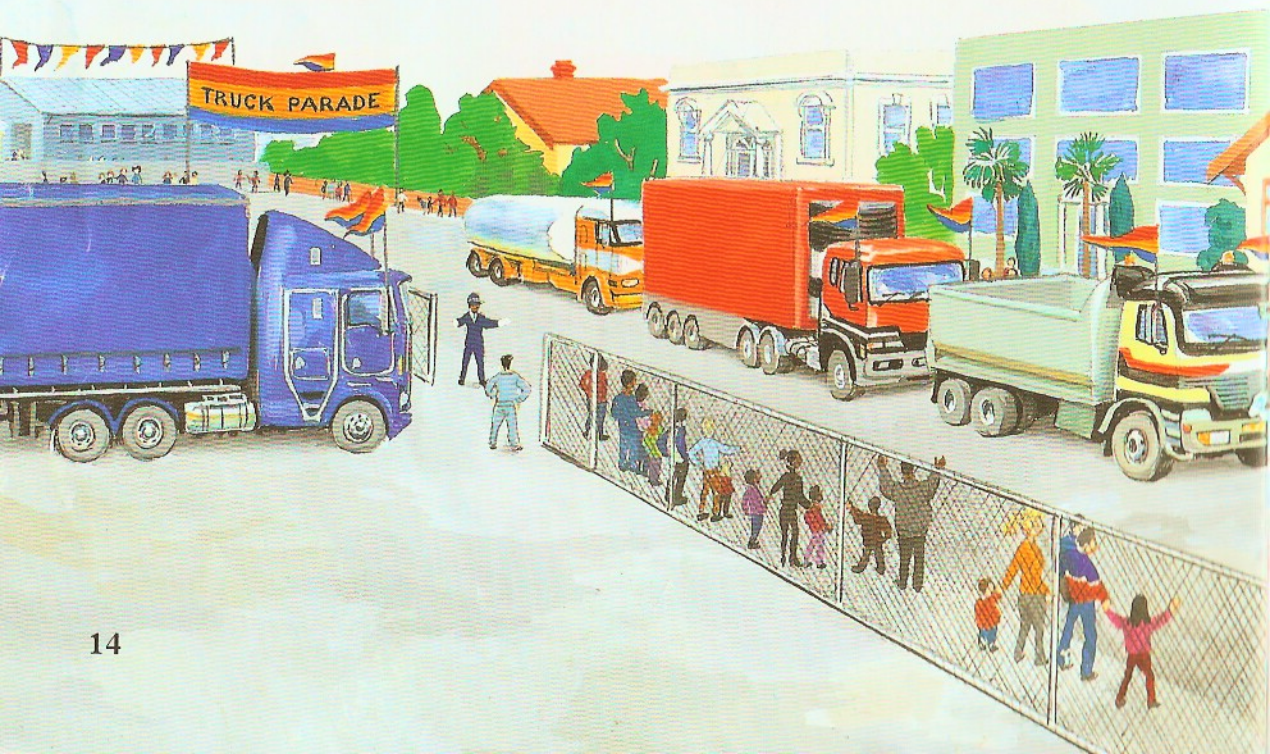
They stared at the line of trucks.



Suddenly, Luke shouted,
“Dad! The parade is coming
past the depot.
We could join on to the end!”

“I think we could!” said Dad.
“Let’s give it a try.”

He climbed up into the cab
and drove down to the gate.



Luke watched all the huge trucks
driving past.

Then a police officer saw them waiting,
and waved them on
to the end of the line.

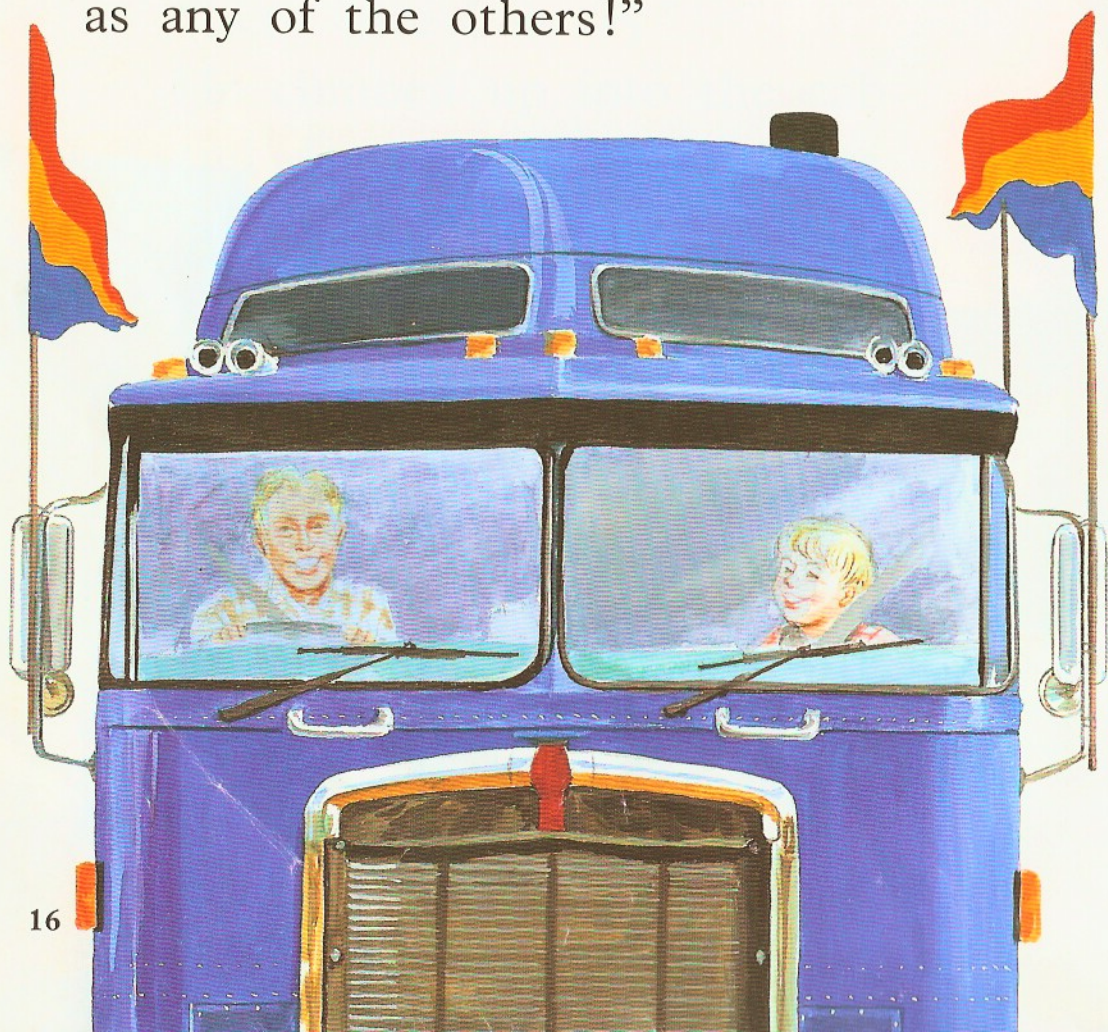


Luke grinned at Dad.

"I've seen all the trucks in the parade," he said, "and ours looks the best."

"So it should," laughed Dad.

"It must be **twice** as bright and shiny as any of the others!"



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